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DECISION ADOPTED BY THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
AT ITS ELEVENTH SESSION

IV (XI). Co-operative programme of action on appropriate industrial technology

1. The Industrial Development Board welcomes the report of the Executive Director on a co-operative programme of action on appropriate industrial technology.[a/]

2. The Board

- Considers that the classifications in chapter II of the report provides a framework primarily for action and funding by Governments, national and international organizations, including relevant United Nations agencies and institutions active in the field of appropriate technology;
- Recognizes that the priorities accorded the specific projects listed in the report will therefore be determined by the interest and action of such entities;
- Takes note, in this context, of the importance of assisting developing countries at their request in strengthening national institutional infrastructure for appropriate industrial technology;
- Considers that aspects of appropriate technology should be introduced into the UNIDO sectoral consultations.

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3. The Board

(a) Recommends that the programme should take into account, and follow up on, activities in those sectors where UNIDO consultations are underway or planned;

(b) Endorses the implementation measures to be taken by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as outlined in paragraphs 107, 108 and 109 of the report which call respectively for the organization of international meetings in the field of appropriate industrial technology, the establishment of a consultative group on appropriate technology to advise the Secretariat, and the monitoring of developments in this field;

(c) Requests the Executive Director, in the implementation of these measures, to take into account the comments made by delegations during the consideration of this item by the Board at its present session;

(d) Requests the Executive Director to submit to the Board at its twelfth session a follow-up report which would encompass: a further delineation of the co-operative programme, an indication of the priority considerations to be applied in selecting those projects in which the United Nations Industrial Development Organization suggests it will itself participate, the costs involved, anticipated sources of financing, and an account of the progress achieved in implementing the measures endorsed by the present decision.

4. The Board invites

(a) Interested agencies in the United Nations system and other national and international organizations to participate in projects in appropriate technology; and

(b) Governments, financial institutions and other organizations to fund project implementation.

5. The Board, in accordance with resolution 2 of 25 March 1975 of the Second General Conference of UNIDO, also requests the Executive Director to transmit to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, for information the report on a co-operative programme of action on appropriate industrial technology[a/] together with the present decision.

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3 June 1977